



EyeOpener

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

302 south 2nd Street East, Aurora MN 55705

2020



Greetings,

I finally have some good news for you. All the committee work of the last 3-4 months is now bringing results. I would like to thank all those who have served on the Call Committee and the Safe Worship Committee. We now have a plan to move forward. I would also like to thank Pr. Barb Hegfors for her mid-week and Sunday messages. Her efforts have kept us grounded in the Lord and have given us hope for a brighter future.

1. We have received all of our supplies that were ordered pertaining to opening the doors for safe in-person worship.

2. The Safe Worship Committee has a plan to open worship safely. You all received that in the last newsletter. You will also receive the plan again before we open for in-person worship. This will come in letter delivered by the USPS and will be something that you can refer to before attending worship.

3. The Call Committee has negotiated a Term Call with Pastor Greg Anderson. He was ordained in 2005 and has a history of working with youth as well as members of all ages. We look forward to him joining us in October. He is currently serving the congregation in Soudan. He will continue with Soudan and with Our Savior's both on a part-time basis. There are no current plans to enter into any agreement with Soudan in any form, such as a two-point parish. The Term Call, in our case, will be one year. During the year, if either party is not happy, the call can be terminated with 30 days' notice. The congregation will need to approve Pr. Anderson's call after the Term Call is ended and the Settled Call is offered. There will be quarterly evaluations taking place with Pr. Anderson and the Mutual Ministry Committee in an effort to make things happen smoothly and avert any problems before they get out of hand. Usually at the end of the term, if both parties are satisfied, the Term Call becomes a Settled Call. A Settled Call is what we used to refer to as a regular call.

As it currently stands, we are planning to open the doors to in-person worship on October 11, 2020.

The hour of worship will be at 10:30 AM. Pr. Anderson is doing worship in Soudan at 8:30 AM.

There will be a need for volunteers to take temperatures and other tasks related to safe worship practices. There will also be a need for ushers to indicate to parishioners when they should exit after worship while maintaining social /physical distance and other tasks that ushers usually perform.

There will be a special council meeting on August 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM to approve all these contracts and plans.

Mark W Boback



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Aurora, MN
Special Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order: at 6:35 pm Aug. 6, 2020 by President M Boback

In attendance were President M Boback, T Salo, R Salo, K Norman, D Peterson, M Mulari, M Castle, D Maki, K Baxter, C Worshek and T Honkola.

Agenda for the evening:

- Discuss and finalize the financial package for our candidate of choice for a ½ time pastor position for a 12 month term; after the 1 year term if the pastor and our church are happy with the arrangement we can turn it into a called position.
- Set up a Mutual Ministry Committee who will work with the Pastor
- Discuss returning to worship

Discussions:

President Boback and K Baxter Chairman of the Call Committee presented all in attendance with revised financial packages for our candidate of choice, after discussion we found one that seemed to work. A motion was made by C Worshek to accept the financial package for the 1 year term ½ time position beginning Oct 1, 2020, 2nd by M Castle. Motion approved.

President Boback asked that we find members who would serve on a “ Mutual Ministry Committee” who would work with the Pastor in getting to know the goings on of our church; those who volunteered are: C Worshek, D Maki, J Dickinson, T Honkola and M Boback.

Returning to worship was discussed and agreed on; we will be opening our doors for worship beginning October 11th our service time will be 10:30 am, our term Pastor serves a church prior to our service at 8:30 in Soudan.

A motion to adjourn was made by C Worshek 2nd by M Boback. Motion approved 7:45 pm.

The council asks for your prayers, guidance and support, that by our faithful service we will see faith abounds and God's kingdom increase. The council invites all members to attend council meetings. “You are our church” and your input is valuable. Council meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

D Maki, Council Secretary

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Greetings from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry!

As the last and best weeks of summer are still ahead, the Program Directors at VLM have been working on a new school year offering at camp for young adults. It is called the Young Adult Experience. This intentional, experiential ministry gives young adults a unique opportunity to live and work at camp, grow in their faith and experience outdoor ministry from the staff side all the while gaining experience, leadership skills and adventure-filled memories. The program runs through May 1 and includes housing and a \$100/week stipend. Interviews will be done as applications are received and we hope to have at least 4 young adults join this program.

So do you have a young adult who is looking for a new way to spend the next 8 months?
Please share this information and link with any post-high school young adults who would be a great addition to this Christian community.

More information along with the application and reference form can be found at : <https://www.vlmcamps.org/young-adult-experience>

Thank you for spreading the word about his opportunity,

Richie and Brett- VLM Program Directors

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Sept. 1	Kay Utley
Sept. 5	Beverly Oxford
Sept 6	Nicole Hanson
Sept 7	Angela Hansen
Sept 10	Jason Groves
Sept. 13	Eunice Krogstad Daniel Knapper
Sept. 17	Herb Moore Keith Johnson
Sept. 19	Lathan Peterson John Long
Sept. 24	Linda Oftelie
Sept. 29	Janeane Kaster Trivena Nagy



2020 Lawn Mowing Schedule

8-28 to 9-3	Barrett Honkola
9-4 to 9-10	Ron Lundquist
9-11 to 9-17	Bill Maki
9-18 to 9-24	Tim Salo
9-25 to 10-1	Eric Olson
10-2 to 10-8	Don Berrigan
10-9 to 10-15	Jason Groves



A letter from Pastor Bob and Darlene Munneke, in response to a letter sent from Stewardship & Fellowship Board member:

Thank you so much for reaching out to us with your kind note of encouragement and hope. That is a great ministry that you are following through with at this time. I think the special connections and contacts made are something that we will be able to say is a good outcome of this change in life.

Bob and I are doing fine—just a lot slower and more medical appointments and all that goes with personal care. In light of that, we have decided to sell our 2 story house and move to a 4-plex unit in Aitkin that is, of course, a lot smaller and all on one level. We have now sold our house and will be closing on our present house as well as our new place on September 15. Needless to say, our past many weeks have been involved with going through papers, books, memorabilia, extra kitchen equipment and beautiful things that have been given and accumulated over the years. It takes a change in mindset to realize one does not need so much stuff and that now someone else can enjoy things that we have enjoyed over the years. We have a wonderful ministry to give your stuff to in Crosby. It is operated through our ELCA Church in Deerwood and provides needed household items to families in need and they also use some of the items in their retail shop.

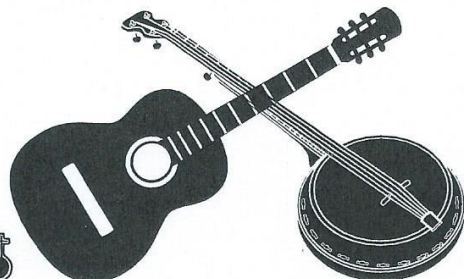
You asked if we have spent time at our cabin on the lake. No, we have not been there yet. We were going to go a couple weeks ago, but our kids were there with their family and Jeff said (in his extreme care for us) not to come, but rather go when there is no one else there. We have not had time anyway. But maybe sometime soon we can work it out.

We are still involved with advocacy work, Bob is on the city planning committee and I am on the Friends of the Arts board which is considering purchasing a building in town to develop into a Performing Arts Center. Exciting, but sort of scary. Our church is doing live stream service on Sundays and parking lot worship on Wed. nights. A few meetings, but basically closed building. Still offering the drive-up community meals 3 days a week and drive-up food shelf distribution. It is nice to run into people occasionally here and there. I am thankful we have each other.

Blessings to you and to the Church family.
Pastor Bob and Darlene

Thank you for being part of Bluegrass 2020!

Together we raised more than \$32,000 to support the ministries at Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.



You make
camp happen
in God's great
northwoods!

Members of Our Savior's Lutheran.
Thank you for once again participating in the
Church Basket Challenge for VLM's Bluegrass
Festival. Your Enjoying Life with the Covid theme
was such a great idea! Your basket raised \$85
for VLM's ministry. Thank you for your continued
partnership! Peace. Gretchen Bachman
Director of Operations